

## **TSSHP Workgroup Template Goal G Progress Report**

**Workgroup Name:** Goal G: Essential Public Health Services: We must change state statutes and local policies to ensure that essential public health services are available for all Texans.

**Workgroup Co-Chairs:** Claudia Blackburn and John Herbold

**Workgroup Members:**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Location</u>
Henry Brutus	Non-profit	Southwest TX
Juan Castro	Education	South TX
Torie Hilton	Non-profit	Central TX
Dr. Chip Riggins	TDH/govt	
Karen Wilson	LHD/govt	Central TX
Barbara Clements	Former LHD/govt	Northwest TX
Jan Ozias	TDH	
Frank Blalock	LHD/govt	Central TX
Barbara Quiram	Education	Rural TX
Walt Canady	QN Labs	
Ramsey Longbotham	Non profit	Rural TX

<b>Suzanne Sparks</b>	<b>TDH/govt</b>	<b>TX</b>
<b>Mary Soto</b>	<b>TDH/govt</b>	<b>TX</b>
<b>Celstine Garcia</b>	<b>LHD/govt</b>	<b>Midland</b>
<b>Lisa McKamie</b>	<b>TDH/govt</b>	<b>TX</b>
<b>Monty Waters</b>	<b>TDH/govt</b>	<b>TX</b>
<b>Lee Lane</b>	<b>TALHO/non-profit</b>	<b>TX</b>
<b>Lou Brewer invited</b>	<b>LHD/TALHO</b>	<b>Tarrant Co, TX</b>
<b>Patricia Gray invited</b>	<b>Former representative</b>	<b>UTMB Galveston</b>
<b>Rick Danko Staff</b>	<b>TDH/govt</b>	<b>TX</b>
<b>Donna Nichols Staff</b>	<b>TDH/govt</b>	<b>TX</b>

**Work Progress Made Since the Annual Symposium:** One conference call completed and one scheduled. Informal discussions between workgroup members and with TALHO. Review of NACCHO Operational Definition of a Functional LPHA and informal discussion with TALHO about adopting this definition for TX.

**Challenges and Issues:** Staff time to set up and coordinate meetings. Lack of time and resources for face to face meetings.

**Recommendations for Consideration by the Steering Committee:** Encouraging TDH to fund staff to assist with this process.

**Additional Comments:**